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ORDINANCE
TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF A
SUPERINTENDENT OF HEALTH.

In the Board of Mayor and Aldermen,

April 11, 1853.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*

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In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,

March 14, 1853.

Ordered, That the Committee on Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to report to the City Council, an Ordinance establishing the office of a Superintendent of the Internal Health Department, and defining its duties.

Sent down for concurrence.

BENJAMIN SEAVER, *Mayor.*

In Common Council, March 17, 1853.

HENRY J. GARDNER, *President.*

A true Copy.

Attest: SAM'L F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*

CITY OF BOSTON.

The Committee on Ordinances, who were instructed to report to the City Council an ordinance establishing the office of a Superintendent of the Internal Health Department, and defining its duties, have attended to that subject, and report the accompanying Ordinance.

For the Committee.

SAMPSON REED, *Chairman.*

April 11th, 1853.

AN ORDINANCE

To establish the office of a Superintendent of Health.

Be it ordained, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, in City Council assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. There shall be chosen, annually, in 2 the month of January or February, and whenever a 3 vacancy occurs, by concurrent vote of the two 4 branches of the City Council, a Superintendent of 5 the Health Department, who shall hold his office 6 until a successor is appointed, or he is removed. 7 He shall be removable at the pleasure of the City 8 Council, and shall receive such compensation as the 9 said Council may from time to time determine.

SECT. 2. The said Superintendent is authorized 2 to appoint an assistant, to act under his control and 3 direction, who shall be approved by the Mayor and 4 Aldermen, and who shall receive such compensation 5 as the City Council may from time to time determine. 6 The said assistant may be removed at any 7 time by the said Superintendent, or the Mayor and 8 Aldermen.

SECT. 3. The said Superintendent shall attend at 2 his office a portion of each day. He shall keep a 3 record of all his proceedings, and a set of books, in 4 which shall be entered, under appropriate heads, 5 the receipts and expenditures in his department, 6 with the names of all persons who have furnished

7 materials, and of all workmen, and the amount paid
8 to each individual; and he shall make a quarterly
9 report thereof to the City Council. On or before
10 the tenth day of January, annually, he shall make a
11 report to the City Council, containing a general
12 statement of the expenses of his department during
13 the preceding year, the amount expended in each
14 branch thereof, and such other information as he
15 may consider desirable, together with an estimate in
16 detail of the property under his charge belonging to
17 the City.

SECT. 4. The said Superintendent shall report
2 annually, on or before the fifteenth day of February,
3 to the Auditor of Accounts, a detailed estimate of
4 the wants of his department for the next financial
5 year; which estimate shall contain such a subdivis-
6 ion of the amount to be expended as shall give a
7 good idea of the various necessities of the depart-
8 ment.

SECT. 5. The said Superintendent, under the di-
2 rection and control of the Mayor and Aldermen,
3 shall have the care and superintendence of the City
4 carts and stables, and shall make all necessary
5 arrangements for cleaning the streets, disposing of
6 manure, and removing house dirt and house offal.
7 He shall, from time to time, furnish to the Superin-
8 tendent of Streets such carts and horses as he may
9 need, and they shall be charged to the Department
10 of Paving and Repairs of Streets.

SECT. 6. The execution of the laws and ordi-
2 nances, relating to the subject of Internal Health,
3 shall be under the superintendence of the said Su-
4 perintendent and his deputy; and it shall be their
5 duty, and each of them shall have power, to enforce
6 all laws, ordinances, regulations and orders, relating

7 to causes of sickness, nuisances and sources of filth,
8 existing within the City, except as is otherwise pro-
9 vided in this ordinance; subject always to the direc-
10 tion, authority and control, of the Mayor and Alder-
11 men, and of the Board of Health for the time being;
12 and he shall perform any other services that may
13 be required of him by the said Boards, or either of
14 them.

SECT. 7. All ordinances and parts of ordinances
2 inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

